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## **Over \$102.2 Million From USDA Rural Development in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Impacted Rural Nebraska:**

Community Facilities Direct Loans	\$3,381,000
Community Facilities Grants	\$222,000
Rural Community Development Initiative Grant	\$189,402
Tribal College Grant Initiative	\$58,000
Economic Impact Initiative Administrative Funds	\$67,300
Economic Impact Initiative Grants	\$89,830
Direct Home Ownership Loans	\$9,597,512
Guaranteed Home Ownership Loans	\$37,853,173
Rural Home Repair Loans	\$388,756
Rural Home Repair Grants	\$392,732
Housing Preservation Grant	\$56,456
Direct Rural Rental Housing Loans/Grant	\$2,035,224
Rural Rental Assistance	\$6,933,300
Water and Environmental Loans	\$8,033,000
Water and Environmental Grants	\$3,813,400
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants	\$4,570,200
Telecommunications Loan Program	\$17,620,550
Distance Learning Grant	\$561,900
Business and Industry Loan Guarantees	\$3,575,000
Rural Business Opportunity Grant	\$44,700
Rural Business Enterprise Grants	\$615,000
Rural Economic Development Grants	\$400,000
Intermediary Relending Loan Program	\$200,000
Value-Added Producer Grants	\$1,113,540
Energy Efficiency Improvements Grants	\$368,518
Renewable Energy Systems Grant	\$49,830

**FY05 IMPACT \$102,230,323**

**LEVERAGING** of federal, state and local dollars allowed for a greater number of rural Nebraska residents and communities to be served.

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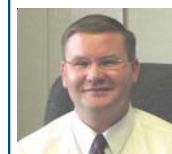
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Committed to the future of rural communities.

## **2005 NEBRASKA ANNUAL REPORT**

**\$102.2 MILLION  
MAKING AN IMPACT  
IN RURAL NEBRASKA**



*"USDA Rural Development is proud to be a premiere advocate for rural Nebraska. The diverse programs we offer are intended to work in unison to improve the quality of life and socio-economic health of rural communities."*

*My staff is devoted to working with rural Nebraskans to deliver programs that are integrated and efficient in meeting the needs of rural areas.*

*We will continue to build relationships with local, state, and federal partners, as well as local lenders and investors, to position ourselves as a 'lender of first opportunity' in rural Nebraska.*

*As Nebraskans work together to make our state great, it is important to reflect on our past and future economic challenges so as to reaffirm our commitment. Rural-urban linkages that can be formed via our programs will be instrumental in this goal. We will continue to identify and deliver programs that adapt to the changing needs of our rural citizens.*

*USDA Rural Development remains firmly "Committed to the Future of Rural Communities".*

**E. SCOT BLEHM, STATE DIRECTOR**



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

**\$4,007,532**

**Community Facilities Direct Loans and Grants** construct, enlarge, extend or otherwise improve community facilities that provide essential services and purchase needed equipment in rural areas. ***\*\$3.4M direct loans & \$280K in grants (including tribal college grants) provided 23 essential community facilities serving 986,222 rural residents, creating 11 & saving 202 rural jobs.***



**Rural Community Development Initiative** provides grants to qualified intermediary organizations for financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. ***\*\$189K will assist projects that increase affordable housing opportunities; provide innovative & cost-effective financial & technical assistance to microenterprise programs; & assist in community development efforts. Projects will benefit 27,065 rural residents in 27 communities.***

**Economic Impact Initiative Administrative Funds** provide for feasibility studies, environmental reviews and architectural and engineering studies in conjunction with present or potential community facilities projects. ***\*\$67K helped 4 rural communities via feasibility studies for village offices, a main-tenance building, & medical clinic in addition to a needs assessment for a health care center.***

**Economic Impact Initiative Grants** develop essential community facilities in rural communities with extreme high unemployment and severe economic depression.

***\*\$90K helped purchase a fire truck, develop a well for fire protection, make community building improvements & acquire medical equipment, benefiting 872 rural residents in 4 communities.***



## RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

**\$57,257,153**

**Direct Home Ownership Loans** assist very-low and low-income rural residents to purchase, construct, repair or rehabilitate, or relocate a single family home.

**Guaranteed Home Ownership Loans** guarantee loans originated by local approved lenders to eligible moderate to low-income residents for purchase/repair or construction of a single family rural dwelling. ***\*\$47.5M assisted 676 households in becoming rural homeowners.***



**Rural Home Repair Loans and Grants and Housing Preservation Grants** provide financing for necessary repairs to rural owner-occupied homes of very-low income homeowners. ***\*\$838K assisted 152 rural homeowners with essential home repairs.***

**Direct Rural Rental Housing Loans and Grants** provide financing to eligible applicants and entities for construction of economically designed and constructed rural rental housing and for repairs/rehab to existing rural rental housing. ***\*\$736K loan built a 16 unit complex for the elderly. \$1M equity loan & \$20K equity grant transferred ownership of 1 complex for continuation of 48 family housing units. \$120K in loans repaired 16 elderly & 8 family housing units.***



**Rural Rental Assistance** provides rent subsidies to individual residents of USDA Rural Development financed multi-family housing complexes ensuring that very low and low income residents have affordable rent payments. ***\*\$6.9M assisted 3,600 tenants.***



## BUSINESS & COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS \$6,366,588

**Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans** guarantee commercial loans for business and industrial development to create and maintain employment, expand, and improve economic climate. ***\*\$3.6M assisted 3 businesses, creating 23 & saving 136 rural jobs via business acquisition and business, vehicle, equipment, & machinery expansion.***

**Rural Business Enterprise Grants** facilitate and finance the development of small and emerging rural, private business enterprises. ***\*\$615K assisted 8 projects creating 303 & saving 208 rural jobs.***

**Rural Business Opportunity Grants** provide for economic development planning, technical assistance and training in rural areas. ***\*\$45K for hunting & recreation cooperative feasibility project piloting in 17 SW & 5 NE counties creating 3 rural jobs.***

**Intermediary Relending Loan Program** provides loans to intermediaries who make loans to ultimate recipients for business facilities and community development projects. ***\*200K established revolving loan fund with potential to impact 7 rural businesses creating &/or saving 17 rural jobs.***

**Rural Economic Development Grants** provide for wide range of rural economic development and job creation projects to improve the economic condition of rural areas. ***\*\$400K renovated & expanded a rural county hospital & developed a tract of land for housing creating 12 & saving 110 rural jobs.***

**Value-Added Producer Grants** help producers expand product/commodity customer base resulting in greater portion of revenues from value-added activity being available to producers.



***\*\$1.1M assisted 16 producer groups in ag ventures creating 37 & saving 15 rural jobs.***

**Energy Efficiency Improvements and Renewable Energy Systems Grants** are provided to farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses to purchase renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. ***\*\$418K provided for 1 renewable energy & 36 energy efficiency improvement projects.\*\****



## UTILITIES PROGRAMS

**\$34,599,050**

**Water and Environmental Loans and Grants** develop and repair drinking water and sanitary sewer systems, including solid waste disposal and storm drainage in rural areas.

***\*\$8M loans & \$8.4M grants (inclusive of \$4.6M in emergency community water assistance grants) assisted in 15 water & 3 sewer projects helping 18 rural communities.***



**Telecommunications Direct Loans** meet the needs and demands for rural telephone area coverage and provide a source of long-term financing to build rural telecommunication infrastructure. ***\*\$17.6M in direct funds were provided to 5 telephone companies to help meet the telecommunication needs of rural areas in Nebraska.***

**Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants** allow for technology equipment and facilities that provide rural schools, libraries, hospitals and medical clinics with distance learning &/or telemedicine capabilities. ***\*\$562K will facilitate educational services to nearly 7,000 students in over 50 rural schools through establishment of distance learning studios. Teacher and technician training, educational training, job instruction and advancement opportunities will benefit over 200 teachers and the citizens served by the school districts in the 20 county area.***

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### \* FY05 IMPACT

***\*\*Nebraska Rural Development dominated in the value-added and energy grant arenas. Nebraska ranked second in number of value-added producer grant applications funded and fourth in dollar amounts awarded. Nebraska ranked first in number of energy projects awarded nationwide.***